

Trap, Neuter, Return+ Vaccination Program

Now Accepting Applications!

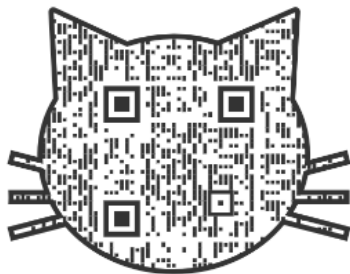
OFFERING

\$100,000

Selected contractor(s) will be paid a negotiated, fee-for-service amount with the aggregate amount between all contractors not to exceed \$100,000 for the performance period. Fee-for-service is not to exceed \$100,000 for each contracted year.

HOW TO APPLY?

For full instructions, visit:



animalcare.sbcounty.gov/tnrv

**CONTRACTORS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO APPLY THROUGH
EPRO BY FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (DPH) Animal Care (AC) is seeking applications from interested and qualified organizations and firms to conduct a Trap-Neuter-Return+Vaccination (TNR+V) program.

WHERE WILL THE SERVICES BE PROVIDED?

Services will be provided in the County's Animal Care service areas (i.e., all the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County, except for the West End unincorporated communities [i.e., West of I-15, south of Mt. Baldy]).

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

TNR+V Programs:

- Are one of the most effective methods for reducing community cat overpopulation.
- Protect the health and decrease the rates of infectious disease among community cats.
- Stabilize community cat populations by reducing reproduction and limiting the growth and spread of community cat colonies. One unsprayed stray female cat can have approximately 3 litters of kittens each year.
- Reduce the number of healthy community cats entering the shelter, which can result in severe stress, mental anguish, behavioral deterioration, illness and death to cats that may be otherwise thriving in their outdoor community.
- Create opportunities for outreach, education, and cooperation with the public on community cat management and disease prevention.

DOES ONE CONTRACTOR NEED TO DO ALL ASPECTS OF THE TNR+V SERVICE?

No, a contractor may apply for one aspect of this service. For example, they are able to apply for only the spay/neuter services or to support with trapping of healthy community cats.



TNR+V Services Requested

Description of Services Requested

A. Qualified Veterinarian Services:

- Licensing and Qualification: Provide a licensed and qualified veterinarian and associated staff who are able to perform humane spay/neuter surgeries on community cats ensuring that each procedure is done safely and with proper care. Cats must be anesthetized during surgery to prevent pain and discomfort. Proper anesthesia protocols and post-operative pain management are to be provided.
- Health Assessment: Before spaying or neutering, each cat shall undergo a health assessment by a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DMV) or registered veterinary technician (RVT). This will include: age, general health, body condition, an evaluation for signs of ownership (e.g., identification tag, microchip, a collar, or other signs that a cat may be or was once owned), treatment for parasites and other applicable illnesses/infections, and evaluation for any underlying health issues.
- Signs of Ownership: If signs of ownership are identified, the neutering/spaying service will not be conducted, and the cat will not be accepted and is no longer eligible for this service. This information will also be provided to the County. If the cat was accepted and signs of ownership were identified thereafter, the community cat with the microchip or other indication of ownership shall be transferred to the Devore or Big Bear Animal Shelter. In the shelter, attempts will be made to contact the owners and the cat shall be held for the appropriate hold period in hopes of reunifying them. If not reclaimed, the cat will be provided with the best possible outcome by being made available for adoption into a new home.
- Identified Sick or Injured Cats: If an adult community cat is sick or injured, they will be assessed to determine if they are able to be treated effectively and returned safely to their outdoor homes. In cases when sick or injured cats require more extensive medical care and are not eligible for return outdoors, the Devore Animal Shelter will be notified via the assigned Program Coordinator (and/or designated staff) and the cat will be admitted to the shelter for medical care.
- Complications from Spaying/Neutering: If complications arise due to the spaying/neutering service that requires the cat to receive more extensive medical care and they are deemed not eligible for return outdoors, the Devore Animal Shelter will be notified via the assigned Program Coordinator (and/or designated staff) and the cat will be admitted to the shelter and/or associated veterinary services through the shelter.
- Age: Kittens under 6 months of age will be individually assessed, and a recommendation and determination of the best outcome for each one will be developed by the veterinarian. Kittens too young to receive spay/neuter services will not be accepted and are considered ineligible for this program.
- Sterile Location: Provide a safe and sterile location (i.e., veterinarian trailer or stationary clinic) for the service and veterinary care, including: after surgery, each cat should recover in a clean and monitored environment to ensure they wake up from anesthesia and can be released when fully alert without identified complications.
- Capacity: Perform a minimum of 10 TNR+Vs per service day with all medical and associated supplies required.
- Ear Tipping: As a visual indicator that a cat has been spayed or neutered, remove a small portion of the tip of one ear while the cat is under anesthesia and within a sterilized setting.
- Vaccinations: Provide a single dose of feline panleukopenia virus (FPV), feline herpes virus (FHV-1), feline calicivirus (FCV), Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV), and rabies virus (RV).

B. Administrative and Legal Compliance:

- Legal: Comply with all local laws and county ordinances.
- Community Education: For community members that help with trapping, monitoring, and caretaking, provide an educational tool/hand-out with each pick-up to help promote better understanding of: community cats, information on trap requirements, TNR+V efforts, methods for monitoring for a healthy recovery prior to release, information on county resources when assistance is required due to poor recovery, information on the importance of returning the community cat to the original location post-recovery, strategies for monitoring health in community cats. Oversee all communication related to check-in and release of the community cats.
- Communication: Maintain clear and efficient communication with the County to address any issues promptly. Attend program-related meetings as requested by the County.

C. Documentation:

- Records: Keep records of the cats involved in the program, including their health status, surgery dates, surgery location, and stated location within the community. This information will help track the program's effectiveness. Provide this information monthly to the County.
- Fiscal: Have the administrative and fiscal capability to provide timely invoices/billing, manage the proposed services, and ensure an adequate audit trail. Neuter/spay cats for the agreed upon fees outlined in the fee schedule included in Attachment A for TNR+V service.

